

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the title on page 1 with following new title:

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--METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING A VIRTUAL HARD DRIVE IMAGE IN A COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT FOR AN EMULATED COMPUTER SYSTEM RUNNING ON A HOST COMPUTER SYSTEM--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

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--When a guest computer system is emulated on a host computer system, the guest computer system is said to be a virtual machine, as the ~~host~~ guest computer system exists only as a software representation of the operation of the hardware architecture of in the guest host computer system. The terms emulator and virtual machine are sometimes used interchangeably to denote the ability to mimic or emulate the hardware architecture of an entire computer system. As an example, the Virtual PC software created by Connectix Corporation of San Mateo, California emulates an entire computer that includes an Intel 80X86 Pentium processor and various motherboard components and cards. The operation of these components is emulated in the virtual machine that is being run on the host machine. An emulator program executing on the operating system software and hardware architecture of the host computer, such as a computer system having a PowerPC processor, mimics the operation of the entire guest computer system. The emulator program acts as the interchange between the hardware architecture of the host machine and the instructions transmitted by the software running within the emulated environment.--

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